

**We Asked—
You Responded—
Now, The Results**

Lisa Vernon, Educator at Temple Beth El, felt the reasons were clear. "Most adults are trying to get by on pediatric Judaism," she said. "At best they received 3-5 hours a week of the equivalent of kindergarten to 5th grade Sunday school or Hebrew School. Then came two years to prepare for Bar or Bat Mitzvah and that was it. Now, as adults, most Jews are left with those grade school stories and half remembered information as the basis for trying to make sense out of our Jewishness. It's embarrassing, to say the least, especially when it comes to your own children. "It's not their fault. They didn't decide to be 5th grade drop-outs. It's the way the system of Jewish education has worked for years, and it's a pleasure to be part of a community effort to help adults make up for losses they suffered as kids."

The kinds of basic classes requested included: Basic information on Judaism starting with who is a Jew and moving on to symbols, customs, ceremonies, beliefs; basic Hebrew including prayers; Jewish music for services and for just singing; creating a Jewish home environment; Israeli dancing; an orientation to Shabbat services explaining the various prayers and customs.

Through the cooperation of all the Institutions, THE NEW JOINT ADULT INSTITUTE will provide just exactly these kinds of courses in a six-week semester beginning Thursday, January 24 and continuing through Thursday, February 28. Each evening, 5 classes will be offered from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. and five more, some duplicates, will be offered from 9 to 10 p.m. The full program is described on on this page.

"No prior knowledge of any kind will be assumed," said Rabbi Robert Seigel, who will teach one of the basic Judaism courses. "All the questions will come from the students to the teachers. That way no one has to sit in fear of being asked a question they can't answer unless, of course, the students stump the teacher."

The Institute will not ignore the needs and interests of those who feel they know the basics and want more advanced courses. In each of the two hours, a Rabbi will teach a more detailed curriculum. Rabbi Richard Rocklin will offer a class on Comparative Theology from a Jewish point of view while Rabbi Harold Krantzler, during the first hour of classes, will teach on The Great Books of Jewish History (TANACH, MISHNAH, GEMOREH, Etc).

The week following the conclusion of the Institute will be celebrated with a Purim Party. A second six-week Institute will begin on March 14.

The New Joint Adult Institute

Piecing Together Your Jewish Identity And Feeling Good About It

When asked, from a long list, what classes respondents most needed and wanted, again the unaffiliated and the affiliated were in total agreement — **BACK TO BASICS!!!**

January 24-February 28
March 7: Shushan Purim Party

\$10 Total Registration
All classes at Temple Beth El

7:45 - 8:45 p.m. (Six Consecutive Thursdays) 9:00 - 10:00 PM

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	COURSE	INSTRUCTOR
BASIC JUDAISM: An introductory course in Jewish beliefs, symbols, vocabulary and practices for people of all ages with limited or NO background.	Rabbi Robert Seigel	BASIC JUDAISM: See description of 7:45 class	Rabbi Yossi Groner
BASIC/BEGINNING HEBREW: Learn to read the prayers and songs in Hebrew.	Helen Krantzler	BASIC/BEGINNING HEBREW: See description of 7:45 class	Eleanor Weinglass
ISRAELI DANCE: Learn the dances done at weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and social events. An hour of fun and great exercise.	Lisa Vernon	JEWISH THEOLOGY: A course on Comparative Religion from a Jewish viewpoint	Rabbi Richard Rocklin
THE GREAT BOOKS OF JEWISH HISTORY: A review of the importance and meaning to modern Jewish life of such texts as the Talmud, Shulhan Arukh, etc.	Rabbi Harold Krantzler	SHABBAT & ITS SERVICES: An orientation to the basic Shabbat services and the meaning, purpose and origin of the prayers.	Arthur Tirsun
CREATING A JEWISH HOME: A primer on crafts, cooking stories and customs anyone can use comfortably to add Jewish flavor to family life.	Mariashi Groner	JEWISH MUSIC & MELODIES: Learn the songs used in Conservative and Reform Temples along with the most beloved Israeli and Yiddish melodies	Cantor Frank Birnbaum

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